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potential transaction with Core Scientific and Blockcap, including a valuation discussion, as well as Blockcap's acquisition of RADAR and RADAR's business.

On July 5, 2021, after discussions with XPDI, K&E revised the merger agreement to remove provisions related to the PIPE.

On July 8, 2021, XPDI management conducted a regularly scheduled update call with the independent directors of the XPDI board. XPDI's management discussed with the board the due diligence undertaken with respect to Core Scientific, Blockcap and RADAR to date, as well as the structure of the potential business combination with Core Scientific and Blockcap and the rationale for such a transaction. XPDI's management and the board also discussed the impact of the shutdown of Chinese bitcoin miners on the global bitcoin network hash rate, the benefits to bitcoin mining economics and the need for additional infrastructure in the industry, particularly in North America.

On July 13, 2021, K&E sent a revised draft of the merger agreement to Cooley, which draft incorporated various business points related to the proposed merger of Core Scientific and Blockcap.

On July 14, 2021, a virtual meeting of the XPDI board of directors was held, with XPDI's management and representatives from K&E and XMS Capital in attendance. K&E provided the board with an overview of their fiduciary duties under Delaware law, and each director confirmed that no such director had any disabling conflict with respect to the proposed business combination with Core Scientific and Blockcap. Following this discussion, Mr. Eilers provided an overview of the changes with respect to Core Scientific's business that had occurred since March, particularly the appointment of Michael Levitt as the Chief Executive Officer and the company's proposed acquisition of Blockcap. Jim Nygaard, XPDI's Chief Financial Officer, also reviewed with the board the draft investor presentation relating to the transaction, as well as the comparable company analysis undertaken by XPDI's management further described under "*—Summary of XPDI Financial Analysis*" and the projections of Core Scientific's business, which projections reflected the impact of Blockcap's business on Core Scientific's projected operational and financial performance. Mr. Nygaard also outlined certain risks of the transaction. Following a discussion among the board, a representative of XMS Capital provided an overview of developments in the industry, the impact of the global hash rate decreasing by half and the demand for infrastructure in the industry to deploy new and idled miners. Based on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the financial attributes of the combined business, including the expected growth of the business, conditions in the market, including the change in bitcoin prices since the time XPDI and Core Scientific executed the term sheet on March 24, 2021, the positioning of the company in the market following the merger, the relative value of the company versus its comparables in the public equity market and qualitative judgments, and based on its experience and professional judgment, XPDI's management recommended to the board of directors a pre-transaction equity valuation of \$4.0 billion for the combined company.

On July 15, 2021, Core Scientific and Blockcap entered into an agreement and plan of merger (the "Blockcap merger agreement"), pursuant to which Core Scientific would acquire Blockcap in an all-stock transaction (the "Blockcap merger"). Under the Blockcap merger agreement, each share of common stock of Blockcap outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of such merger would be entitled to receive 0.5074 shares of Core Scientific common stock, and each restricted share of common stock of Blockcap outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of such merger would be entitled to receive 0.5074 shares of restricted Core Scientific common stock. Further, Core Scientific agreed to assume Blockcap's outstanding options.

On July 16, 2021, Cooley sent a revised merger agreement to K&E, which, among other things, reflected the agreed upon pre-transaction equity value of \$4.0 billion. Between July 16, 2021 and July 20, 2021, K&E and Cooley continued to exchange drafts of the merger agreement and participated in multiple telephone conferences to discuss outstanding issues in the merger agreement. Particular issues that were discussed and resolved included which individuals to list as knowledge parties in the merger agreement for the purposes of the representations and warranties, Core Scientific's ability to accelerate certain employee bonuses, XPDI's ability to